

REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Sofia June 19 and 29, 1925

Entered into force August 1, 1925

*Revived (after World War II) March 8, 1948,¹ pursuant to article 8
of treaty of peace signed at Paris February 10, 1947²*

Terminated November 15, 1949³

Department of State files

The American Legation to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

SOFIA, June 19, 1925

No. 566

NOTE VERBALE

The Legation of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and, acting under instructions from its Government has the honor to state that the Government of the United States will, from the 1st. of August 1925 collect a fee of two dollars for visaeing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of Bulgarian subjects desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of 1924; namely, "(1) (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation".

It is understood, of course, that the above arrangement rests on a purely reciprocal basis, and will become effective only, if on the same date (Au-

¹ *Department of State Bulletin*, Mar. 21, 1948, p. 383.

² TIAS 1650, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 431.

³ In a note dated Nov. 15, 1949, the United States Government notified the Bulgarian Government that it considered that Bulgaria had, by unilateral action, abrogated the agreement.

gust 1, 1925) [Bulgaria] will collect from non-immigrant citizens of the United States desiring to visit Bulgaria, a fee for visaeing passports equivalent to two dollars.

The American Legation has the honor to request that it may be informed by the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs whether it is prepared to put the above arrangement into effect on the proposed date, and if so, that the competent Bulgarian officials may be duly informed thereof.

To the

ROYAL BULGARIAN MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Sofia

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Legation

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP

No. 3649

SOFIA, 29, VI, 1925

NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Note Verbale No. 566, of the 19th. instant, and hastens to inform the Legation of the United States of America at Sofia, that it is in entire agreement with the proposal of that Legation in regard to the reciprocal reduction to two dollars of the fees for the visa of passports of Bulgarian and American citizens, of the non-immigrant class, beginning August 1, 1925.

Instructions in this sense have been sent to the Bulgarian Consular officers abroad.

To the LEGATION OF

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Sofia